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Frank Filas, Environmental Manager
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44 Union Boulevard, Suite 600
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Subject: Conditional Approval of Amended Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Energy Fuels Resources, Energy Queen Mine, M/037/0043, San Juan County, Utah

Dear Mr. Filas:

The Division has completed a review of your Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations for the Energy Queen Mine, located in San Juan County, Utah, which was received February 4, 2009. The amendment is complete, and the Division approves it with the following conditions:

Before issuing final approval, the Division must receive additional reclamation surety in the amount of \$56,300.00 for a total of \$321,500.00.

By August 1, 2009, please submit two complete clean copies (no redline/strikeout) of the plan. We will stamp both copies approved and return one to you.

The surety can be submitted with a rider to the current bond, a letter of credit, cash, or a certificate of deposit. For additional information about submitting the bond, please contact the Division's bonding coordinator, Penny Berry, at (801) 538-5291 or by e-mail at bondcoordinator@utah.gov.

The Division has established criteria for deciding whether changes to a mine plan constitute a revision or an amendment. We have determined that this is an amendment and does not need to go through a public comment period.

The purpose of this amendment was to incorporate changes related to the water treatment facilities and to incorporate the renewal of the groundwater discharge permit. As we have discussed, the Division anticipates, at some time in the future, establishing reclamation



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standards for waste material from uranium mines. As these standards are established, it may be necessary to adjust the reclamation plan and surety.

Sincerely,

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Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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